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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MAY 15 VICTORIA FALLS SHOOTING

REF: LUSAKA 1653

1. EXTAFF OFFICIALS GAVE US PRESENT STATE OF PLAY ON
EFFORTS OBTAIN COMPENSATION PAYMENTS FOR FAMILIES OF
GIRLS KILLED IN SHOOTING. EXTAFF LEGAL OFFICIAL PARKS
DISCUSSED COMPENSATION WITH ZAMBIAN OFFICIALS WHO WERE
PREPARED OFFER EX GRATIA PAYMENT BUT HAD NO IDEA OF
APPROPRIATE AMOUNT. AFTER CONSULTATION WITH OTTAWA
PARKS SUGGESTED \$50,000 TO EACH FAMILY AND WAS PREPARED
TO FALL BACK TO \$25,000. ZAMBIANS COUNTERED WITH OFFER
OF \$25,000 WHICH PARKS SAID WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO GOC.
ZAMBIAN AUTHORITIES STILL CONSIDERING HOW AND WHETHER
TO MAKE THIS OFFER TO FAMILIES OF GIRLS.

2. EXTAFF OFFICIALS WERE NOT OPTIMISTIC THAT THIS
OFFER WOULD SATISFY FAMILIES, PARTICULARLY DRIJBER.
DRIJBER HAS SUBMITTED CLAIM "FOR EXPENSES" CONNECTED
WITH INCIDENT. HIS LIST INCLUDES COMPENSATION TO
RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT FOR LOSS IN TOURIST INDUSTRY
AND MILITARY OPERATIONS INVOLVED IN RECOVERING BODIES.
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HE ALSO HAS SUGGESTED HE WILL NOT BE SATISFIED UNTIL

ZAMBIA MAKES FULL AND PUBLIC APOLOGY TO RHODESIA WHICH
EXTAFF OFFICIALS THOUGHT UNLIKELY IN EXTREME.

3. EXTAFF OFFICIALS BELIEVE ZAMBIANS WILL OFFER \$25,000
TO DRIJBER AND SINCLAIR FAMILIES, WHICH SINCLAIRS, WHO
ARE NOT WEALTHY, WILL ACCEPT AND WHICH DRIJBER MAY WELL
REFUSE WITH FLAMBOYANT GESTURE. GOC IS NOT PREPARED
INTERVENE FURTHER ON DRIJBER'S BEHALF PARTICULARLY
SINCE THE ISSUE HAS FADED FROM PUBLIC ATTENTION IN
CANADA.

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